

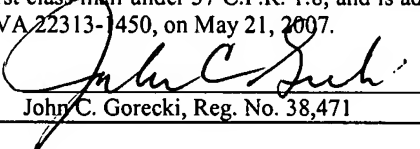


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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 19, 2007, please amend this application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION** begin on page 2 of this paper;

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** begin on page 4 of this paper; and

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS** begin on page 7 of this paper.